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I SHOULD HAVE
SEEN THIS
COMING.

IT'S TIME YOU
PAID FOR YOUR
MISDEEDS.



VIRAT...
BUT I THOUGHT...
YOU FORGAVE
ME?

YOUR
NAIVETE HAS
ALWAYS BEEN
YOUR ONLY
FLAW...

...RANI.

I AM A
FORGIVING
MAN, BUT
I AM NO
FOOL.

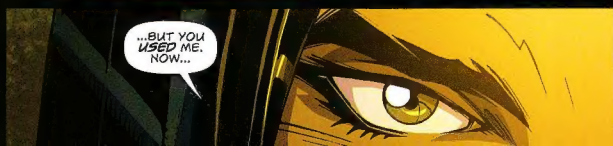


I LOVED HER!
SHE WAS THE LIGHT
OF MY WORLD AND
YOU EXTINGUISHED
IT WITH YOUR PETTY
GREED AND
SELFISHNESS!

I KNEW EVEN
ASKING YOU NOT TO
FOLLOW ME HERE WAS JUST
TOO MUCH FOR YOUR SELF-
CENTERED EGO TO RESIST.
NOW, YOU WILL DIE FOR
YOUR WEAKNESS.



YOU ARE WRONG. I
FOLLOWED YOU BECAUSE I
CARED FOR YOU. FOR ONCE,
I CARED ABOUT SOMEONE
BEYOND MYSELF. I...
SACRIFICED IT ALL ONCE
FOR YOU BEFORE...




...BUT YOU
USED ME.
NOW...



...WE ARE
EVEN!




GET
HER!



I MUST USE THE ROOMS OF
THE SCHOOL TO MY ADVANTAGE. I
CAN'T DEFEAT THEM AS A WHOLE,
BUT IF I CAN SEPARATE THEM, I
MIGHT STAND A CHANCE.



I STILL CANNOT BELIEVE
HE BETRAYED ME, BUT I MOST
CERTAINLY WON'T DWELL ON
IT. I NEED TO FOCUS-- AND
THINK FAST.



FIRST ONE I ENCOUNTER, I
WILL TRY TO SUBDUDE QUICKLY.
JUST NEED TO GET CLOSE
ENOUGH TO--



AH...

...ON SECOND
THOUGHT...



YEOWWWW!

THAT...

YOU
MISS—!

...HURT!

BLAAM

GAAAAH!

YES... DISTANCE
WAS CERTAINLY A
BETTER IDEA.

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I COUNTED
TEN OF THEM.
NOW EIGHT.

IF I CAN FIND
ANOTHER ROOM TO
SET UP AN AMBUSH.
I SHOULD BE--

MY PISTOL, NO.

--GAS?

UNGHH!

KRAKK

HRAAAA!

--COUGH--
--COUGH--





LOTUS,
DO YOU
REMEMBER
ME?

~COUGH~
IRIS?? WHAT ARE
YOU ~COUGH~
DOING HERE?

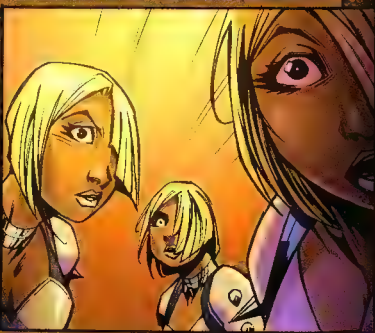
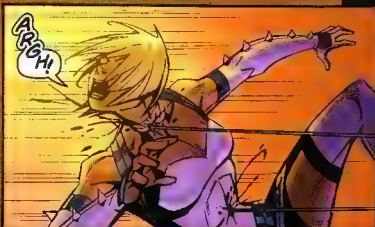
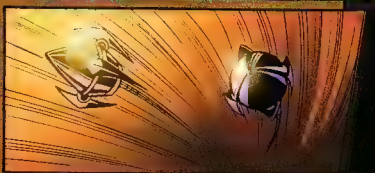
VIRAT, WE
MUST HURRY.
HE CANNOT
GET AWAY.

THERE'S STILL...
SEVEN ~COUGH~
OF THEM LEFT.
DO YOU HAVE
A GUN?

NO, NO
GUN ON ME. THIS
WASN'T SUPPOSED
TO TAKE PLACE
DURING DAYLIGHT--
NOT THIS WAY.

BUT IN MY
RECON, I SAW
YOU ENTER. I HAD
NO CHOICE. I DO
HAVE MY SWORD,
HOWEVER...

...AND I
PREFER THE
OLD FASHIONED
WAY.





CHING'S ASSISTANT?

IRIS, I DON'T KNOW WHAT PURPOSE YOU HAVE HERE, BUT THIS FIGHT DOES NOT CONCERN YOU. I OWN CHING'S ASSETS NOW-- ALL OF THEM, YOURSELF INCLUDED.

I WILL FORGIVE YOU FOR HELPING HER-- FOR KILLING MY STUDENTS-- MY PROPERTY-- IN THERE, JUST PUT DOWN YOUR WEAPON AND YOU WILL BE SET FREE.



SET FREE?

I'M ALREADY FREE. HOWEVER, YOU ARE CORRECT. I DO ANSWER TO A HIGHER AUTHORITY.

AND MY SUPERIOR, DUNCAN VILLONE, REQUESTS YOUR IMMEDIATE REMOVAL FROM YOUR POSITION.



I NEVER THOUGHT OF YOU AS THE TYPE TO REQUIRE ASSISTANCE, LOTUS.

YOU SHOULD BLAME YOURSELF. YOU ARE THE ONE WHO TAUGHT ME HOW TO PLAY WELL WITH OTHERS.

APPARENTLY, NOT A MOMENT TOO SOON I SEE.

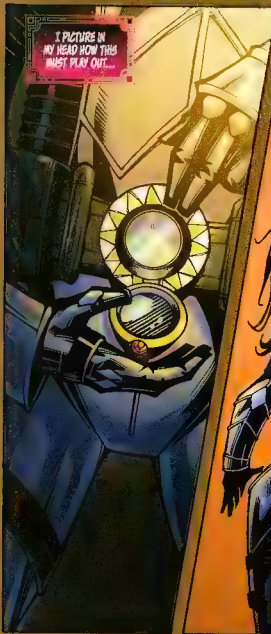
ENOUGH! KILL THEM!

YOU READY FOR THIS?

WE TAKE OUT THE EA'S FIRST.

WE'LL DEAL WITH YOUR FORMER EMPLOYER AFTERWARDS.

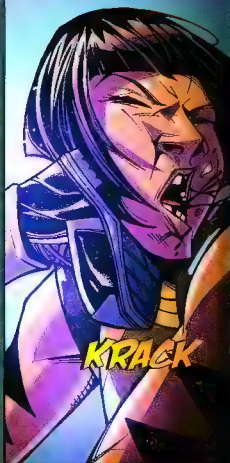
DONE.



THE FLASH ALLOWS AS
THE FIRST MOVE.



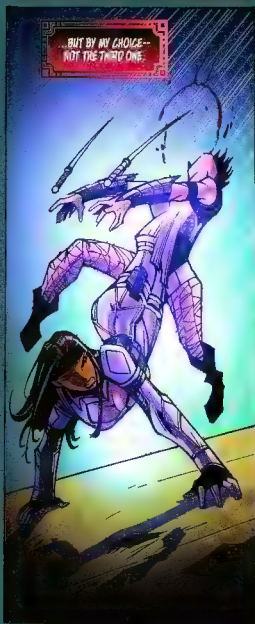
I WASTE NO TIME
IN TAKING IT.



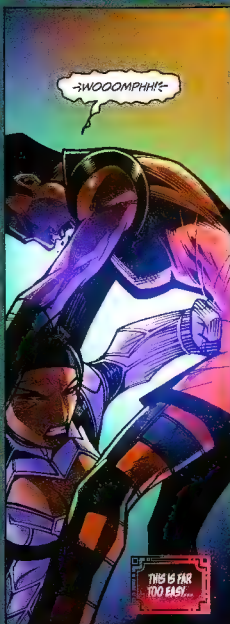
I NARROWLY AVOID
THE SECOND ONE...



BUT BY MY CHOICE--
NOT THE THIRD ONE.



~WOOOMPH~



THIS IS FAR
TOO EASY...

THESE GIRLS ARE
NOT COMBAT-READY.
THEY'RE CHILDREN. IS
THERE ANY OUNCE OF
HONOR LEFT IN YOUR
HEART?

...BECAUSE IF
THERE IS, I WILL
BEAT IT OUT
OF YOU.



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THEIR

NIGHTMARES.

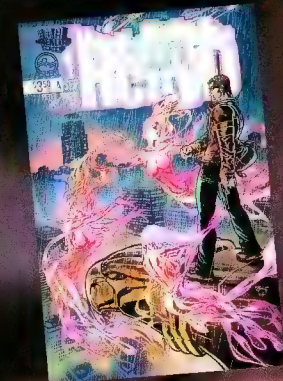
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Issue!

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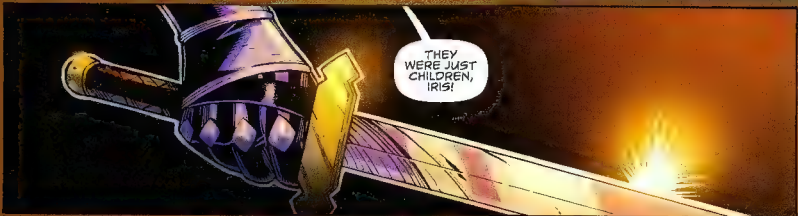
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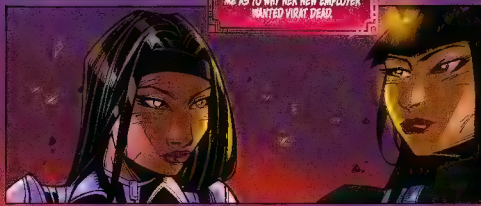
**YOU ARE NO LONGER
WELCOME HERE**

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IRIS AND I SET FIRE TO THE
SCHOOL. TOOK IT OFF THE
MAP AS PER HER ORDERS.

BUT WE SET THE GIRLS FREE. FOR
THE FIRST TIME IN THEIR LIVES, THEY'LL
NEED TO FIND THEIR OWN WAY NOW.




IRIS NEVER DID COME CLEAN TO
ME AS TO WHY HER NEW EMPLOYER
WANTED VIRAT DEAD.



THANK YOU.
YOU SAVED MY LIFE.
I DON'T KNOW IF I
CAN EVER REPAY
THAT DEBT.



BUT I GUESS, IN THE END, IT
DOESN'T REALLY MATTER.



PERHAPS THAT
DAY MAY COME.
WE WILL SEE. BUT
FOR NOW-- YOU
ARE WELCOME.

ALWAR, INDIA.

RETURNING HOME, WITH NO
ALLEGIANCE TO VIRAT ANYMORE, I FIND
THAT THINGS HAVE NOT CHANGED...

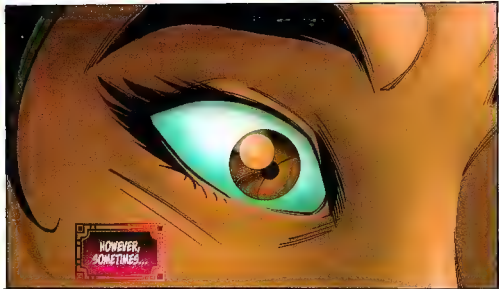
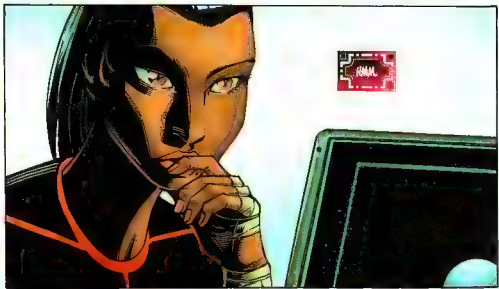
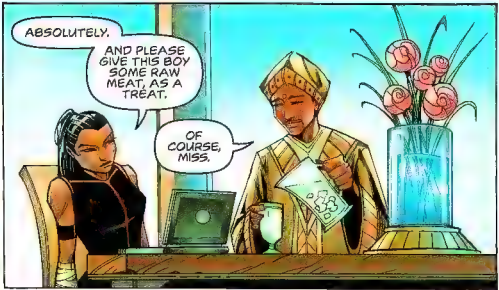
COME
ON...



...HERE KITTY
KITTY...

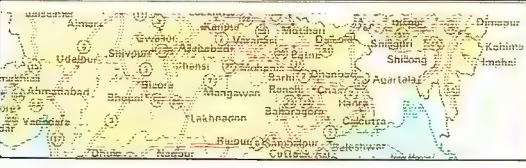
WHO'S
A GOOD
BOY...

YET EVERYTHING
HAS CHANGED.



INDIA DECLARES WAR ON PAKISTAN

Region in Chaos



...CHANGE CAN BE FOR THE WORSE.

TO BE CONTINUED!?!
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THE STAKES JUST GOT RAISED!

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EA: VIOLET #1

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EA: VIOLET #2

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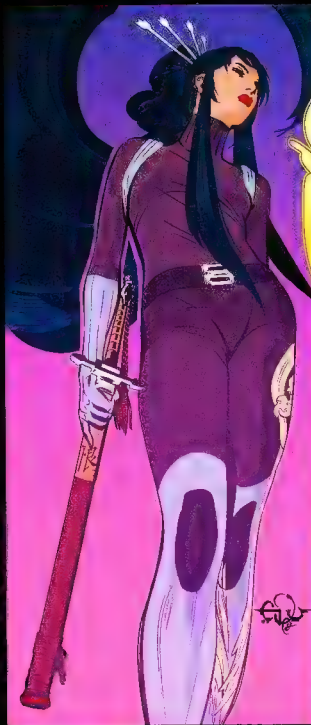
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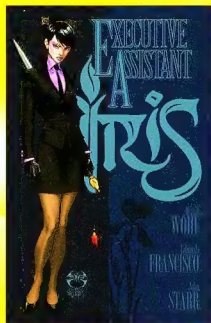
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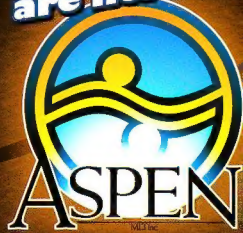




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